

## **REMARKS**

In the office action mailed February 6, 2006, Claims 1-20 were pending. The Examiner has made a restriction requirement among (1) Claims 1-13 drawn to a process for decontaminating lubricating oil and (2) Claims 14-20 drawn toward a lubricating oil reconditioning apparatus. Further, the Examiner has also made an election of species requirement based on Figures 2, 8, 10, and 12-17.

### **Restriction**

Applicant elects without traverse Group 1 (Claims 1-13) for prosecution in the present application.

### **Election of Species**

Applicant elects the species corresponding to Figure 2 for prosecution on the merits. Applicant considers that of Group 1, Claims 1-5 and 13 are readable on the elected species.

Therefore, Claims 1-5 and 13 remain under consideration in the application with Claims 6-12 and 14-20 being withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

If any impediment to entry of the present response and examination of the patent application remains after consideration of the above-recited remarks, which could be overcome during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone Mr. Erik S. Ericksen, or in his absence, Mr. M. Wayne Western at (801) 566-6633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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